

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, new claims 17 and 18 are added to more fully claim the invention. Claims 1, 11 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,650,307 B1 (hereinafter, "Toda"). Claims 2, 10 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits the arguments below in traversal.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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